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REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee, as required by law, submit the following Report of the condition of the Schools.

The year has been a memorable one in the history of our schools from the fact that six schools have been transferred to new buildings erected for that purpose. The new building at the corner of High and Pleasant Streets, accommodating the High School, what was formerly the West Street Grammar School, and three District Schools, and the new building for the Grammar School in West Fitchburg, have been occupied during the winter term; and the schools thus provided for, have shown a very decided improvement in all the characteristics of good schools. Greater zeal for study, greater regard for punctuality, and an improved deportment have resulted from the improved school houses. We congratulate the town that for the first time in many years we have reached a point at which we are free from any pressing necessity for new school houses. We do not see that any large expenditure for this purpose can be required of the town for some years to come.

The same schools have been maintained, and in the same localities as heretofore, with the following exceptions: In District No. 3, (South Fitchburg,) the number of scholars seemed too small to warrant the continuance of two schools throughout the year, and therefore all were brought into one

school during the first and second terms. During the third term, there were, as formerly, two schools, but even then the attendance was very small in both.

At the opening of the first term, the three schools on South Street were so overrun with scholars, that we found it necessary to call upon the Selectmen to furnish the vacant room in that building for the establishment of an additional Primary School. Only a few weeks later a private school was opened in that vicinity, and drew off so large a number of children that three schools were found abundantly sufficient for those who remained. The new school was therefore discontinued after thirteen weeks. Our hope is that the children thus withdrawn will return to the Public Schools, and that all of the rooms in that school house will be needed.

The number of scholars attending the Intermediate and Primary Schools in the old Academy building was too great for two schools. Therefore in entering the new building, they were disposed in three schools, and this enabled us somewhat to relieve those on West Street.

During the winter term a male teacher was employed in the Intermediate School on West Street, according to the suggestions of the last year's Report, and for the reasons there stated. We think that a slight change in this arrangement will be necessary another year. Many boys attend school in the winter only, and most of those are not prepared to join any of the classes in the Grammar Schools with advantage either to themselves or to the schools. If they can be put into a school kept expressly for their advantage, not only will they derive more profit than by joining classes for which they are not qualified, but the Grammar Schools can be kept respectably full during the year, instead of many seats being left vacant through the summer, that they may be occupied by such scholars in the winter. This additional school ought not to displace an Intermediate School, but be separate, and allow all the others to go on as usual. This may be done, by using for the Primary School, the small room in the West Street building during the winter.

It has been the wish of the Committee for several years to reduce the studies in the High and Grammar Schools to a complete system. We are happy to say that we have made more decided advances in this direction during the past year than ever before. The scholars in each Grammar School are arranged in four classes, and except in cases in which ill health or some other unavoidable cause prevents, those of each class pursue the same studies. A scholar of ordinary ability and diligence may therefore pass through one of the Grammar Schools in four years, and any scholar removing from one part of the town to another, will find in the Grammar School to which he is transferred a class equally advanced and pursuing the same studies, with the class which he left. A schedule accompanying this Report will show the studies pursued in the High School, and the terms during which the same branches are taught. By adopting such a schedule, we furnish to every scholar who attends the High School a sufficient number of consecutive terms, an opportunity to pursue every study included in the course, and at the same time keep the number of classes each term within the necessary limits.

We think we are justified in saying that the schools, as a whole, have been fairly successful during the past year. There is a tendency with some of the teachers to bestow their attention too exclusively to the advanced studies, and allow the scholars to remain ignorant of some of the rudiments of learning. We think that many of our children, if transferred to some of the best public schools in the State, would be found deficient in Spelling, Penmanship and Reading. They would take an honorable rank in other studies, and the pupils of our Grammar Schools would give evidence of an unusually thorough and faithful discipline in Mental Arithmetic. Indeed, we doubt whether in this respect our Grammar Schools are surpassed by *any* other schools; certainly they are not by any with which we are acquainted. But we would suggest to the teachers that if

by any diligence on their part the scholars can be better grounded in the rudiments of learning, the result will be of great practical value.

We proceed to speak of the several schools in detail, premising that the comments are to be regarded as expressing, in each case, so far as they go, the individual views and opinions of the member of the Committee who had the particular charge of the school for the year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The attendance of scholars in the High School has been better than in any previous year, and we think there has been decided improvement in their deportment, and in the general tone of feeling among them. Scarcely anything has occurred to disturb the harmony of the school, and very little to call for the disapprobation of the teachers. There is a prevailing disposition among the members of the school to render it a pleasant and attractive place of resort, and it has seemed to us to be really such. We have sometimes wished that the enthusiasm for study were a little warmer; but we cannot help bearing testimony to the general diligence of scholars and the uniform fidelity of the teachers. The school opens this term with a larger number of scholars than ever before, 55 having been admitted as follows: 22 from the High Street Grammar School, 21 from the Day Street School, 10 from the West Grammar School, and two who had not been connected with any Grammar School in town.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

HIGH STREET. We regard this school as second to no other in town. It has been under the same Principal nearly four years; and during that time has been steadily rising in its general character.

The various branches are taught with great thoroughness, and the happy faculty of the Principal in imparting information coincident with that contained in the text, gives zest and interest to the recitations, and stimulates thought and inquiry.

Where all the branches are taught so well, it may not be wise to single out any one for special commendation; but the pleasure we have felt in listening to the reading lessons—a branch of study sadly neglected in some of our schools—constrains us to say that in this department especially the fruit of careful and wise training was most hopefully apparent. We have been pleased also with the attention given to physical training. Since the removal of this school to High Street, an Assistant teacher has been employed. We are happy to be able to speak with unqualified commendation of the satisfactory manner in which she has performed her duties.

DAY STREET. It cannot be denied that this school has suffered greatly from frequent changes of Principals. No one of the gentlemen who has held this office during the last three years has been other than assiduous, and faithful, and all of them are able and successful teachers. The change, in three cases out of the four, was sought by the teachers rather than by the Committee. Frequent changes are, in themselves, unfavorable to the permanent prosperity of a school, especially when they are occasioned by difficulty in governing the scholars. But amidst these unfavorable changes, the classes have steadily advanced, and give evidence of good instruction on the part of the teachers, and faithful

labor on the part of most of the scholars. We think that the difficulty of taking care of this school would be much diminished and its profitableness greatly increased, if parents were less ready to believe absurd reports respecting what transpires in the school-room, and were more willing to take for granted that the teachers are governed by good motives, and wish to be faithful, and just, and kind to their pupils.

While four successive Principals have had charge of this school, the Assistant Teacher has remained the same, and the value of the school to its members has depended greatly on her admirable qualifications for her work. We have no better teacher in town, of any grade, than Mrs. Lowe.

Mr. Lamb, so well known to our people as the Principal of this school from its origin till Nov. 1858, having sufficiently recovered his health, has resumed his duties with the beginning of the current term. We make this announcement, regarding it as a sufficient guaranty for the future quietness and good order of the school.

WEST. It must be gratifying to those more immediately interested in this school to see it, at length, permanently established in a new and beautiful house, centrally located, admirably adapted to promote the health, comfort and convenience of the scholars, and furnishing many facilities for improvement not heretofore enjoyed by this school. Mr. Carter has remained in the school during the year and has accomplished for it all that his acknowledged previous good success promised for it. The scholars under his watchful guidance, have seemed to acquire a love for accuracy and thoroughness in their recitations, as well as for an acquaintance with natural objects external to the school-room, which it is pleasant to witness, and which must be profitable to them. The closing examination, which occupied more time, and was conducted in a manner more thorough and critical than any previous one, was entirely satisfactory to the Committee.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

WEST STREET. *Intermediate.* The first and second terms of this school could hardly be called a success, though the scholarship and fidelity of the teacher were unquestioned.

As there are many large boys who attend this department in winter, it was thought best to employ a male teacher. We considered ourselves fortunate in securing the services of one of our former Grammar School teachers for the winter term, and although the school was very short—too short to give a new teacher a fair chance—we think it was a profitable one.

Primary. This school has been under the same experienced teacher for the two last years. We are happy to state that in consequence of the removal of the Grammar School to High Street, this Primary School has been delivered from the straitened and uncomfortable room in which it was previously kept, and has occupied during the last term the former Intermediate School room. The improvement in the order and general character of the school in this more convenient and comfortable room was very marked, furnishing fresh proof of the necessity of suitable accommodations if we would promote the true welfare of our schools.

HIGH STREET. *Intermediate.* The same experienced teacher has had charge of this school for two years past. We have been pleased with the attention given to Reading and Spelling in this school, and with the success that has crowned the efforts of the teacher in this direction, while other branches have not been neglected.

Secondary. This new department, made necessary by an increase of pupils, has had only one short term. But under the faithful instruction of one who had already proved herself well qualified for her work, that term was successful.

Primary. This department has been favored with the same teacher through the year, and has proved an excellent school. The teacher shows a lively interest in her work, and good order and general improvement have crowned her faithful labors.

DAY STREET. *Intermediate.* This school prospered throughout the year, the first class being well qualified, at the close of the winter term, to enter the Grammar School.

Secondary. It is sufficient to say of the teacher, that she has the same wonderful tact for instructing, and guiding, and guarding, and training children that she has always shown. But little change can be desired in her school.

Primary. The teacher during the summer term was entirely successful, and was only prevented by ill health from remaining with the school. Her place was well supplied, however, and the teacher who followed showed a special adaptation to the care and teaching of little children.

SOUTH STREET. *Intermediate.* Energy, earnestness and perseverance on the part of the teacher, and a commendable degree of application and diligence on the part of the pupils insured for this school a fair rank with the other schools of the same grade. It was a good school.

Secondary. A decided improvement upon last year's school. It appeared finely throughout the year.

Primary, A. A model Primary school teacher; almost a model Primary school.

Primary, B. A new school, established in consequence of the overflowing numbers in the other schools in the building at the commencement of the year, but which was continued only a part of each of two terms, the opening of the Catholic school reducing the numbers here so as to render its longer continuance unnecessary. It gave promise of being fairly successful.

EAST STREET. The lady who taught during the summer was not eminently successful. Her lack of success was not owing to any lack of qualification as a scholar, or of desire to be faithful, but perhaps to the fact that she had never herself been before connected with a district school in any capacity, and was therefore not quite prepared to appreciate the demands of her situation. The remaining terms were decidedly profitable and pleasant.

DISTRICT No. 2. This school is increasing in numbers, and as there were more scholars much of the time during the year than there were accommodations for, it will be necessary either to enlarge the house, or remodel, and increase the number of seats.

With reference to the school, it is sufficient to say that Miss Perry—so long and so well known in the district—continued her faithful and devoted labors in it throughout the year.

DISTRICT No. 3. There is much less of scholarship in this school than there was a few years ago. The teachers labored diligently, and saw evidences of having accomplished something. More of life and zest would have improved the school.

DISTRICT No. 4. The first term of this school was regarded as a marked success. The school at the closing examination appeared finely. We regretted that the ill health of the teacher prevented her continuing the good work so well begun.

We think progress was made also during the second term, though under the disadvantage of a change of teachers.

The third term, under still another teacher, at the second visit of the Committee appeared admirably well. We were pleased with the studious and respectful deportment of the larger pupils. The closing examination occurring on

the "cold Friday," was not attended by the Committee, but from what we saw of the school we presume it was a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 5. All that unwearied patience, and kind effort, and faithful diligence on the part of the teacher could effect, was accomplished in this school. The manners of the children were much improved, their interest in study was quickened, and they closed the year with a unanimous regret that the school was so short.

DISTRICT No. 6. This school has been taught through the year by one teacher and although it was her *first school*, it was a very marked and complete success; showing on the part of the teacher a love of her work, an aptness to teach, a tact for governing, and a special faculty for enlisting the interest of her pupils in their studies, and on the part of the scholars most praise worthy fidelity and improvement. At the closing examination the school was found to be most refreshingly *awake* and *alive* with interest.

DISTRICT No. 7. The first term was not a profitable one. The teacher, although well qualified for the situation in most respects, and although she labored untiringly, and exerted herself beyond her strength to achieve success, failed to secure that obedience and good order in the school room, which are important requisites of a truly good school.

The remaining terms were more nearly successful; constant improvement was noticeable, and the lost ground was more than regained, while a good degree of salutary instruction was imparted.

DISTRICT No. 8. The same kind and gentle influence by which so much of good was accomplished for this school last year, has been exercised here by the same affectionate, faithful and successful teacher during the present year; and

although the terms have been interrupted by illness of both teacher and scholars, yet, in the aggregate, as much and as valuable instruction has been imparted and received as could reasonably have been expected under more favorable circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 9. This school has been under the care of one teacher through the year. We think improvement was made, though the small number in attendance rendered it very difficult to awaken much enthusiasm in study. Still there are studious pupils in this school, and some of the recitations gave evidence of faithful application.

DISTRICT No. 10. This school during the first term was under the care of a faithful and competent teacher. It was tolerably successful, though in order, studiousness, and a respectful deportment, there was room for improvement.

During the second term, under a new teacher, the want of both self-respect and respect for the teacher was still more apparent in some of the larger pupils, who seemed unable to appreciate a kindly and gentle discipline. This was a matter of deep regret to the Committee, as the teacher brought to her work a sincere and hearty devotion to the welfare of the school.

The third term was under the charge of one of larger experience, and although the term was short, a marked improvement was effected in the general deportment of the school.

DISTRICT No. 11. During the first term, we were somewhat disappointed, for we had expected of the teacher, (a stranger, but highly recommended,) unusual success. The lady who taught during the remaining terms, adds to natural qualifications for the work considerable experience. We were satisfied beyond our expectations.

DISTRICT No. 12. The teacher of the first term manifested an ability to govern as well as to instruct, which enabled her to leave the school, when, at the close of the term, she was transferred to the Day Street Intermediate, in a much better condition, in many respects, than that in which she found it.

The discipline exercised by her successor was mild and gentle but efficient, until resisted by the larger boys of the winter term; boys who ought to have been in a Grammar school under the charge of a male teacher. Her methods of teaching were admirable, and the success of the fall term almost perfect, but during the winter term the school experienced considerable difficulty from disorderly pupils, and as the course pursued by several parents and others residing in the district, was discouraging to the teacher and calculated to lessen her influence, diminish the number of the scholars and impair the usefulness of the school, she resigned her charge before the expiration of the proposed term. Her resignation was accepted by the Committee, and the school discontinued.

In the last year's Report, certain scholars, twenty-nine in number, were named, who had attended school throughout the year, without having been once absent or tardy. We are glad to be able to state that the number of such, for the past year, has been slightly increased. It includes, as will be seen, ten of those who were in the number of the previous year, and three who have now completed the third year of perfect attendance. As it requires no small amount of vigilance, care and self-denial, to go through with a whole year without failing in a single instance, we feel warranted in making this public recognition of the class of scholars who have thus distinguished themselves;—albeit, not unmindful that there may be other scholars, equally meritorious, who through simple misfortune, and from no fault of their own, failed to secure a perfectly clean record for the whole year.

We subjoin a list of scholars who appear, from the School Registers, to have attended during the whole term time of the year, without having been once absent or tardy,—indicating by *italics* those who have gone through the two years, and by SMALL CAPITALS those who have gone through three years, in like manner.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS.
High Street, Grammar,	JOSEPH W. PALMER.
West Grammar,	Iantha E. Wilder.
High Street, Intermediate,	<i>Julia A. Whitcomb.</i>
High Street, Secondary,	{ Charles E. Partridge,
High Street, Primary,	{ James E. Wood,
Day Street, Intermediate,	{ Eddie H. Willis.
Day Street, Secondary,	{ Maria Patch.
South Street, Intermediate,	{ Frank Corey,
	{ <i>Jerome A. Kinsman.</i>
	{ Arthur A. Glines,
	{ Frank H. Towne.
	{ Orra Skinner,
	{ George Stone,
	{ Emma Stevens,
	{ Emma Wells.

South Street, Secondary,	Anna Wells.
East Street,	<i>Arthur Lowe.</i>
District No. 2,	Eunice H. Goddard.
District No. 3,	George B. Drew.
	{ ARTHUR A. SMITH,
District No. 6,	Hattie Smith,
	{ Abbie Harrington,
	Clara Harrington.
District No. 7,	<i>Edwin F. Simonds.</i>
District No. 8,	{ Charles Bogart,
	{ Charles Sheldon.
District No. 9,	ARDELIA A. LAMB.
District No. 10,	<i>Elsie A. Page.</i>
District No. 11,	{ <i>Mary L. Fisher,</i>
	{ <i>Martha R. Safford.</i>

Most of the information we can impart concerning the schools is contained in the tables which accompany this Report, and this information is much more valuable than any comments which we can make on the schools either singly or in the aggregate.

KENDALL BROOKS,	} <i>School Committee</i>
WILLIAM G. WYMAN,	
WILLIAM P. TILDEN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Fitchburg.</i>

APRIL 8, 1861.

SCHEDULE OF STUDIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero.	Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil.	Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero.
Greek Gram. and Reader, Greek Gram. and Reader,	Greek Gram. and Lessons, do. and Reader.	Greek Gram. and Lessons, do. and Reader.
Greek and Latin Comp'n.	Greek and Latin Comp'n.	Greek and Latin Comp'n.
French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.	French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.	French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.
Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.	Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, or advanced Algebra.	Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, Book-Keeping.
History.	History.	History.
English Grammar, Rhetoric.	English Grammar, Moral Science.	English Grammar, Watts on the Mind.
Physical Geography, or Botany.*	Chemistry, or Geology.* Physiology, or Astronomy.*	Natural Philosophy.

*In alternate years.

In addition to the above which are daily studies, there are weekly exercises in Reading, Spelling and Mental Arithmetic, in which all the scholars are expected to participate, and a weekly recitation in Ancient Geography, or Modern Geography, or Ancient History, for boys who are fitting for college.

An exercise in English Composition is expected of every member of the school once in four weeks, and a Declamation from each boy once in four weeks.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	UNDER THE SPECIAL CHARGE OF
<i>Per year.</i>			
HIGH SCHOOL,.....	{ Hanson L. Read, A. M.,..... Catharine Haskell, Assistant,.....	{ \$1000 300 }	Mr. Brooks.
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.			
High Street,.....	{ Levi W. Russell, A. M.,..... Helen E. Works, Assistant,.....	{ 700 210 }	Mr. Tilden.
Day Street,.....	{ Chas. F. Kimball, 1st term,..... Alvin M. Sawyer, 2d and 3d terms,... Carrie M. Lowe, Assistant,.....	{ 650 550 252 }	Mr. Brooks.
West,	Charles W. Carter,.....	600	Mr. Wyman.
<i>Per month.</i>			
District No. 1,	West St. Intermediate, { Eliza A. Kendall, 1st and 2d terms,... James M. Woodbury, 3d term,.....	{ 20 40 }	Mr. Tilden.
	West St. Primary,.... Loenza B. McIntire,.....	20	"
	High St. Intermediate, Mary E. Russell,.....	20	"
	High St. Secondary,... Martha M. Fairbanks,.....	20	"
	High St. Primary,.... Caroline M. Stone,.....	20	"
	Day St. Intermediate, { Mary C. Browne, 1st term,..... Eliza S. C. Trask, 2d and 3d terms,...	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Brooks.
	Day St. Secondary,... Lois S. Belding,.....	20	"
	Day St. Primary,.... { Frances Richardson, 1st term,..... S. Augusta Dean, 2d and 3d terms,...	{ 18 20 }	"
	South St. Intermediate, Lucy A. Goodrich,.....	20	Mr. Wyman.
	South St. Secondary,. Helen A. Woodward,.....	20	"
	South St. Primary,.... { Louisa A. Smith,..... Carrie C. Davis,.....	{ 20 20 }	"
	East Street,..... { Ellen F. Stearns, 1st term,..... Mary A. Russell, 2d and 3d terms, ...	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Brooks.
	District No. 2,..... Susan Perry,.....	20	Mr. Wyman.
	District { Intermediate,.... Cynthia A. Jewett,..... No. 3, { Primary,..... Addie L. May,.....	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Brooks.
District No. 4,.....	{ Abbie M. Lovell, 1st term,..... Ellen F. Stearns, 2d term,.... Sarah L. Flagg, 3d term,.....	{ 20 20 20 }	Mr. Tilden.
District No. 5,.....	Maria M. Woodbury,.....	20	Mr. Brooks.
District No. 6,.....	Mary E. Smith,.....	18	Mr. Tilden.
District No. 7,.....	{ Asenath Caswell, 1st term,..... Luey A. Lowe,.....	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Wyman.
District No. 8,.....	Mary J. Davis,.....	20	"
District No. 9,.....	Julia M. Downe,.....	20	Mr. Tilden.
District No. 10,.....	{ S. Augusta Dean, 1st term,..... Mary Osborne, 2d term,..... Ann Clement, 3d term,.....	{ 20 20 20 }	"
District No. 11,.....	{ Mary A. W. Kendall, 1st term,..... Harriet P. Gates, 2d and 3d terms, (3d term, \$22 per month,).....	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Brooks.
District No. 12,.....	{ Eliza S. C. Trask, 1st term,..... Mary C. Green, 2d and 3d terms, (3d term, \$22 per month,).....	{ 20 20 }	Mr. Wyman.

ATTENDANCE EACH TERM.

SCHOOLS.		FIRST TERM.			SECOND TERM.			THIRD TERM.		
		Whole No.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Whole No.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Whole No.	Average membership.	Average attendance.
HIGH SCHOOL,		69	59	55	52	46	43	70	63	61
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.										
High Street,		70	61	56	70	68	59	112	101	94
Day Street,		100	90	77	103	84	62	97	87	82
West,		46	39	35	42	36	29	54	52	50
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.										
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	46	40	34	43	41	36	66	62	55
	West St. Primary,	49	43	36	56	43	39	51	49	38
	High St. Intermediate,	68	62	56	64	58	52	51	49	45
	High St. Secondary,							44	40	35
	High St. Primary,	63	58	47	71	69	63	47	44	38
	Day St. Intermediate,	48	42	37	37	34	27	37	35	31
	Day St. Secondary,	43	41	38	41	38	34	42	40	37
	Day St. Primary,	52	47	42	53	48	43	41	39	37
	South St. Intermediate,	56	53	49	43	39	36	41	41	37
	South St. Secondary,	70	55	37	31	27	21	26	25	22
	South St. Primary,	101	93	77	54	50	41	35	33	29
	East Street,	39	36	31	35	30	26	32	31	30
District No. 2,		46	42	38	44	41	37	38	36	33
District No. 3,		} 66	55	45	55	47	38	23	21	19
{ Intermediate, { Primary,								29	28	23
District No. 4,		20	18	17	21	19	15	20	20	19
" No. 5,		34	32	28	31	27	25	29	29	24
" No. 6,		29	26	21	22	20	18	20	20	18
" No. 7,		32	30	24	34	30	24	30	30	27
" No. 8,		47	46	43	59	53	49	40	38	33
" No. 9,		14	13	12	13	11	10	11	11	10
" No. 10,		24	23	20	20	16	13	20	19	18
" No. 11,		38	36	31	40	36	32	38	36	34
" No. 12,		31	28	22	24	22	17	33	31	23
Total,		1291	1168	1008	1158	1043	889	1157	1110	1002

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR, &c.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Ratio of Attendance to Membership.	Number of times Late during the Year.	Number of scholars not once absent.				Number not absent or late during the year.
						First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	For the year.	
HIGH SCHOOL,	101	57	53	.93	27	6	2	12		
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.										
High Street,	127	76	70	.92	48	8	6	18	1	1
Day Street,	138	87	74	.85	515	8	3	17		
West,	76	42	38	.90	61	3	3	12	2	1
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.										
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	75	46	34	.74	380	6	7	8	
	West St. Primary,	68	45	38	.84	63	2	6	10	
	High St. Intermediate,	78	60	54	.90	86	6	10	16	1
	High St. Secondary,*									1
	High St. Primary,	91	64	56	.87	51	22	15	15	4
	Day St. Intermediate,	64	36	32	.88	109	3	4	15	2
	Day St. Secondary,	55	37	36	.98	102	5	7	13	2
	Day St. Primary,	68	45	39	.88	314		2	10	
	South St. Intermediate,	65	44	41	.93	77	18	6	22	4
	South St. Secondary,	80	31	27	.87	94	7	3	12	2
	South St. Primary,	117	56	50	.88	109	7		8	
	East Street,	47	31	29	.93	86	2	6	15	1
District No. 2,	49	37	36	.97	503	3	3	4	1	1
" No. 3,	90	50	41	.82	372	3	8	4	1	1
" No. 4,	31	19	17	.89	41	6	1	8		
" No. 5,	44	31	26	.84	64	5	9	4	1	
" No. 6,	33	22	19	.86	19	4	5	7	4	4
" No. 7,	42	28	26	.93	83	1	1	10	1	1
" No. 8,	63	47	42	.90	61	14	8	6	2	2
" No. 9,	17	12	10	.87	36	4	1	3	1	1
" No. 10,	24	19	17	.89	63	4	1	12	1	1
" No. 11,	50	35	32	.91	95	5	6	15	2	2
" No. 12,	45	25	21	.84	169	4	3	1		
Total,	1738	1062	929	.87	3618	155	126	275	32	30

* Included in the statistics of the Intermediate and Primary Schools.

EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Money on hand, April 1, 1860.	Raised and appropriated, including State money.	Length of schools in weeks.	Amount paid Teachers.	Fuel and care of Rooms.	Whole expense.	Weekly expense for each scholar of the average membership.	Money remaining.
HIGH SCHOOL, GRAM. SCHOOLS. High Street, Day Street, West,	\$70.88	\$3822.41	42	\$3474.67	\$328.91	\$3803.61	\$.345	\$89.68
DIST. SCHOOLS.								
DISTRICT No. 1. { West St. Int. West St. Pri. High St. Int. High St. Sec. High St. Pri. Day St. Int. Day St. Sec. Day St. Pri. South St. Int. South St. Sec. So. St. Pri. A, So. St. Pri. B, East Street,			31 31 31 7 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 13 31	195.00 155.00 155.00 35.00 155.00 155.00 155.00 149.50 155.00 155.00 155.00 64.00 155.00				
District No. 2,	10.55	157.16	31	155.00	12.21	167.21	.146	
“ No. 3,	3.24	225.96	31	190.00	39.20	229.20	.148	
“ No. 4,	13.76	146.74	31	149.50	11.00	160.50	.272	
“ No. 5,	12.98	160.33	30	150.00	23.31	173.31	.181	
“ No. 6,	2.56	136.81	27	121.50	17.87	139.37	.234	
“ No. 7,	13.08	165.17	31	155.00	23.25	178.25	.205	
“ No. 8,	15.83	178.28	30	151.00	43.11	194.11	.137	
“ No. 9,	9.66	142.00	28	140.00	6.25	146.25	.435	5.41
“ No. 10,	15.53	159.37	32	160.00	14.90	174.90	.288	
“ No. 11,	32.63	155.00	31	160.50	17.87	178.37	.164	9.26
“ No. 12,	5.86	157.79	28	157.75	5.90	163.65	.233	
Total,	257.63	7691.49		7003.42	841.35	7844.77	.221	104.35

MEMORANDUM.

The current term of the High and Grammar Schools will close on Tuesday, July 2.

The second term will commence on Monday, August 26, and close on the Friday preceding Thanksgiving.

The third term will commence on the Monday after Thanksgiving, and continue till the 14th of March.

The first term of the next school year will commence on Monday, the 31st of March.

The first term of the next school year will commence on Monday, the 13th of March.

The examination for admission to the High School will be on Friday, March 28, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at which time all who may desire to be admitted to the school, will be expected to attend, at the High School room without further notice.

Scholars will be transferred from the District to the Grammar Schools, at the end of the school year,—in March.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Board of Auditors, chosen at the last annual meeting of the Town, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Highway Surveyors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Trustees of the Town Library, and beg leave to submit the following as the result of their labors.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Amount appropriated by vote,	\$4500 00	
Overlaid in assessment,	68 89	\$4568 89

Expenditures as follows:—

Paid Silas Pratt,	1033 44	
Silas Pratt, widening road at Carlton's Mill,	100 00	
Samuel Farwell, 2d,	68 51	
Joel Page,	60 00	
Daniel S. Eaton,	45 65	
James McIntire,	124 38	
Samuel Wares,	52 07	
Nathan B. Hadley,	106 54	
Charles K. Osborn,	52 94	
Levi Kendall,	76 04	
Charles Burleigh, Bank Wall,	60 00	
John Andrews,	50 99	
E. C. Hayden,	762 75	
E. C. Hayden, cutting hill, Nash- ua Street,	199 96	
Daniel Works,	79 16	
Joseph Upton,	62 63	
Levi Downe,	52 69	
Samuel Shattuck,	72 12	
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Carried over,	3059 87	4568 89

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$3059 87	\$4568 89
Paid	William Woodbury, Jr.,	66 33	
	Arthur Forrester,	7 00	
	Franklin Lyon, wall on High		
	Street,	19 74	
	N. S. Boutelle,	65 15	
	James P. Putnam,	49 14	
	Thomas Sheldon,	63 22	
	Jonathan Whitman,	105 69	
	Edward Smith,	64 15	
	Geo. E. Waite,	98 90	
	S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	38 65	
	J. P. Sabin,	5 13	
	John Daisy,	2 28	
	A. P. Kimball, widening and		
	filling road near J. P. Sabin's,	320 00	
	Thomas Larkin, cutting Mar-		
	shall hill,	96 00	
	Ira E. Cutler, for same,	4 32	
	Waldo Wallace, scraper, &c.,	6 81	
	Charles Ide,	2 35	
	Samuel Hawes,	2 69	
	L. Patch & Co.,	3 00	
	Use of tools,	12 75	
	Total repairs of Highways,	———— 4093 17	

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

Paid	S. A. Wheeler & Co., Circle St.,	198 61	
	S. A. Wheeler & Co., River St.,	1 75	
	S. A. Wheeler & Co., Water St.,	16 00	
	James McIntire, for plank,	22 99	
	A. V. Jones, South Fitchburg,	56 77	
	Silas Pratt, River Street,	123 49	
	Parkhurst & Aldrich, Rollstone		
	Street,	30 85	
	P. H. Fletcher,	15 00	
	Wm. Woodbury, Jr.,	107 80	
	Thomas Oakman,	48 52	
	Geo. E. Waite,	36 65	
	J. P. Putnam,	13 78	
	Sheldon & Works,	13 02	
	Litch & Sawtell,	7 70	
	A. S. Dole,	3 00	
	Joel Page,	6 17	
	McIntire & Cushing,	19 67	
	Total repairs of Bridges,	———— 721 77	

Carried over,

4814 94 4568 89

CULVERTS AND SLUICES.

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$4814 94	\$4568 89
Paid	Franklin Lyon, Oliver Street,	\$25 00	
	Franklin Lyon, Elm Street,	25 00	
	Thomas Larkin,	4 00	
	Total Culverts and Sluices,	—	54 00

REMOVALS OF SNOW.

Paid	N. S. Boutelle,	24 48	
	Samuel Ware,	20 40	
	Wm. Woodbury, Jr.,	33 59	
	Jonathan Whitman,	11 99	
	Levi Downe,	51 84	
	Daniel Works,	38 08	
	Edward Smith,	13 51	
	Levi Kendall,	20 53	
	Abel F. Adams,	1 12	
	John Andrews,	38 14	
	Thomas Sheldon,	47 27	
	Daniel S. Eaton,	15 67	
	Charles K. Osborn,	35 29	
	Silas Pratt,	109 47	
	A. P. Goodridge,	1 92	
	James McIntire,	46 16	
	James P. Putnam,	13 80	
	Joel Page,	62 82	
	E. C. Hayden,	114 95	
	Samuel Farwell, 2d,	15 50	
	Levi S. Shattuck,	19 29	
	Geo. E. Waite,	20 02	
	Joseph Upton,	39 17	
	Total removals of Snow,	—	795 01
			— 5663 95

Expenditure in excess of appropriations, 1095 06

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Amount of Assessments,	4238 07
State Tax,	912 50
County Tax,	3325 57
	— 4238 07

SCHOOLS.

Amount appropriated by vote for support of	
High and Grammar Schools,	3750 00
For support of Common Schools,	3700 00
Due of last year's appropriations,	265 63
Received from Commonwealth,	259 74
Total,	— 7975 37

Apportioned as follows :

	Balances due, March 31, 1860.	Appropriations for 1860.	State Fund.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	\$70 88	\$3750 00	72 41	\$3893 29
District No. 1,	51 57	1995 00	89 47	2136 04
No. 2,	10 05	155 00	2 16	167 21
No. 3,	3 24	221 00	4 96	229 20
No. 4,	13 76	138 00	8 74	160 50
No. 5,	12 98	155 00	5 33	173 31
No. 6,	2 56	132 00	4 81	139 37
No. 7,	13 08	155 00	10 17	178 25
No. 8,	15 83	155 00	23 28	194 11
No. 9,	9 66	142 00		151 66
No. 10,	15 53	142 00	17 37	174 90
No. 11,	40 63	155 00		195 63
No. 12,	5 86	155 00	2 79	163 65
Apparatus, Maps, and Reference Books,			18 25	18 25
Totals as above,	265 63	7450 00	259 74	7975 37

Of these amounts there has been expended, as

per vouchers filed,

7869 52

Leaving due from the town,

105 85

Totals as before,

7975 37

Expenditures as follows :

	Expenditures.	Balances due.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	\$3802 11	\$91 18	\$3893 29
District No. 1,	2136 04		2136 04
No. 2,	167 21		167 21
No. 3,	229 20		229 20
No. 4,	160 50		160 50
No. 5,	173 31		173 31
No. 6,	139 37		139 37
No. 7,	178 25		178 25
No. 8,	194 11		194 11
No. 9,	146 25	5 41	151 66
No. 10,	174 90		174 90
No. 11,	186 37	9 26	195 63
No. 12,	163 65		163 65
Apparatus, Maps, and Reference Books,	18 25		18 25
Totals as before,	7869 52	105 85	7975 37

GENERAL APPROPRIATION.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriated by vote,	\$21000 00
Overlaid in assessment,	950 34
	<hr/> 21950 34

TOWN HOUSE.

Appraised value, March 31, 1860,	20765 00
Expenditures to date, as follows:	
Paid J. W. Allen & Co.,	3 85
Parkhurst & Aldrich, repairs,	5 12
Amos Durant, repairs,	108 56
A. Wetherbee & Co., repairs,	21 16
A. A. Beckwith, repairs,	3 85
Litch & Sawtell,	13 01
J. H. Fairbanks, for coal,	43 86
Joseph Pierce, care of House,	103 12
Gas Company,	341 60
Eph. E. Farrar, care of House,	34 37
	<hr/> 678 50
	<hr/> 21443 50

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Received for Rent of Halls,	481 78
Post Office,	100 00
of Carter & Derby,	66 67
Worcester County, rent	
of Court Rooms,	300 00
Due from Carter & Derby,	13 33
	<hr/> 961 78
Appraised value, March 31, 1861,	20724 50
	<hr/> 21686 28
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures,	242 78

SCHOOL HOUSES AND FURNITURE.

Appraised value, March 31, 1860,	26991 75
Expenditures to date, as follows:	

DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid J. W. Allen & Co., repairs,	7 84
Levi Stevens, repairs,	24 74
Lorenzo Barker, repairs,	104 19
A. A. Beckwith, repairs,	62 54
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Carried over,	199 31
	26991 75

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$199 31	\$26991 75
Paid	F. H. Dewey, for land South St.,	150 00	
	J. E. Grant, repairs,	4 66	
	Amos Durant, repairs,	49 65	
	H. Marble, repairs,	6 75	
	C. B. Sawyer & Co., furnace, Day St.,	160 22	
	J. E. Grant, for same,	12 29	
	F. F. Woodward, repairs,	95	
	Aaron Eaton, Jr., repairs,	4 40	
	Wright, Kendall & Co., repairs,	2 58	
	J. P. Sabin, repairs,	75	
	Waldo Wallace, repairs,	5 67	
	Litch & Sawtell, repairs,	4 53	
	L. W. Warren,	6 38	
	Charles Ide,	4 54	
	John Parkhurst,	18 02	
	McIntire & Cushing,	25 25	
	S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	1 87	
	T. C. Caldwell,	2 66	
		<hr/>	660 48

DISTRICT No. 2.

Geo. Goddard, for scraper,	75	
T. C. Caldwell,	3 80	
	<hr/>	4 55

DISTRICT No. 3.

Lorenzo Barker, repairs,	7 54	
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DISTRICT No. 4.

Samuel Farwell, repairs,	2 35	
Waldo Wallace,	61	
	<hr/>	2 96

DISTRICT No. 5.

Wm. Woodbury, repairs,	8 33	
Wm. Woodbury, furniture,	1 17	
	<hr/>	9 50

DISTRICT No. 6.

E. Osborn, repairs,	6 55	
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Carried over, 691 58 26991 75

DISTRICT No. 7.

	<i>Brought over,</i>		\$691 58 \$26991 75
Paid	Charles Johnson,	\$0 75	
	A. Wetherbee & Co., repairs,	1 87	
	Litch & Sawtell, repairs,	13	
	W. & J. W. Kimball,	1 39	
	Daniel Messinger,	2 75	
	T. C. Caldwell,	3 72	
		<hr/>	10 61

DISTRICT No. 8.

G. P. Wood, repairs,	2 05	
T. C. Caldwell,	1 35	
	<hr/>	3 40

DISTRICT No. 9.

S. D. Willis, chair,	1 25	
L. Patch & Co.,	30	
	<hr/>	1 55

DISTRICT No. 10.

Litch & Sawtell,	25	
E. B. Hayward,	64	
T. C. Caldwell,	1 07	
	<hr/>	1 96

DISTRICT No. 11.

Thomas Gibson, repairs,	69	
Alden Phelps, repairs,	50	
J. W. Allen & Co.	37	
T. C. Caldwell,	70	
	<hr/>	2 26

DISTRICT No. 12.

A. A. Beckwith, repairs,	2 92	
Abel McIntire, repairs,	1 18	
	<hr/>	4 10

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Parkhurst & Aldrich,	8500 00	
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	1202 72	
Silas Pratt,	401 48	
A. Wetherbee & Co.,	45 68	
F. A. & L. E. Osborn,	26 65	
Ezra Hawkes, furnaces and fixtures,	400 00	
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Carried over, 10576 53 715 46 26991 75

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$10576 53	\$715 46	\$26991 75
Paid	Wm. O. Haskell, furniture,	948 00	.	
	A. A. Beckwith,	140 60		
	Edwin Upton, for freight,	32 08		
	Edwin Upton, as Building Com.,	30 00		
	Edwin Upton, sundries,	6 90		
	Wm. L. Eager, chairs,	8 75		
	Walter Whitney,	7 07		
	Wright, Kendall & Co.,	6 72		
	Geo. Raymond,	7 45		
	Wm. O. Brown,	5 67		
	Waldo Wallace,	10 24		
	Jos. M. Sawyer, setting furnaces,	19 00		
	C. W. Jaquith,	2 00		
	Prentiss & Story,	5 00		
	Jones & Bateman,	7 04		
	J. W. Allen & Co.,	5 36		
	Litch & Sawtell,	92		
	Wm. Woodbury,	1 50		
	Wm. O. Brown, Building Com.,	21 50		
	Arnold Wilson, Building Com.,	6 10		
	Boyden & Ball, plans, &c.,	60 00		
		————	11908 43	

NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE.

West Fitchburg.

Russell Waters, for land,	300 00
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	338 53
F. A. & L. E. Osborn, bricks,	300 00
Tyler Younglove, slating,	189 00
A. Wetherbee & Co.,	319 00
Silas Pratt,	80 07
Sheldon & Works,	53 35
McIntire & Cushing,	205 64
Arnold Wilson,	619 74
Parkhurst & Aldrich,	49 43
Thomas Larkin,	16 00
J. W. Allen & Co.,	43 03
I. P. Jaquith,	66 22
A. A. Beckwith,	118 21
Wm. O. Haskell, furniture,	300 00
Edwin Upton, freight on furniture,	7 00
Edwin Upton, Building Com.,	10 00
Litch & Sawtell,	160 64

Carried over, 3175 86 12623 89 26991 75

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$3175 86	12623 89	26991 75
Paid	Houghton & Cobleigh,	45 92		
	Walter Whitney,	3 00		
	Geo. Raymond,	7 68		
	Wm. O. Brown, sundries,	8 13		
	Alfred White,	7 70		
	C. W. Jaquith,	2 00		
	Prentiss & Story,	1 50		
	Abel Simonds,	3 83		
	W. A. Hudson,	63		
	Wm. O. Brown, Building Com.,	21 50		
	Arnold Wilson, Building Com.,	6 10		
	Jas. B. Lane,	2 50		
	Geo. E. Waite,	16 00		
		<hr/>	3302 35	
			<hr/>	15926 24
				<hr/>
				42917 99
Appraised value, March 31, 1861,				42057 37
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Depreciation and Repairs of School Houses for year,				860 62

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appraised value of Engines, Fixtures, Houses, and Apparatus, March 31, 1860,	10188 55
Expenditures as follows:	
Paid Charles B. Stoddard, for repairs,	2 83
M. L. Clark, painting,	8 08
James Boyd & Sons, torches,	8 00
Orin Wilson, repairs,	33 10
Charles B. Stoddard, repairs,	34 87
Lucius Aldrich, repairs,	46 74
S. G. Frost, repairs,	3 51
Lucius Aldrich, repairs,	17 76
Lucius Aldrich, hose carriage for No. 1,	96 00
Vt. & Mass. R. R., repairs of steam whistle,	5 75
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	256 64
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	10445 19
Appraised value, March 31, 1861,	10126 79
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Repairs and depreciation of property,	318 40

<i>Brought over,</i>		\$318 40
Other Expenses of Department, as follows:		
Paid Firemen and Engineers, for one month to		
May 1st,	68 76	
C. K. Sawyer, steward No. 5,	6 25	
E. Garfield, for printing,	17 00	
Woolen Mill Co., rent of land, No. 3,	15 00	
Peck & Cushing, for horse hire,	2 00	
S. G. Frost, sundries,	25 61	
Lucius Aldrich, on reservoir,	1 50	
" " for Hook & Ladder Co.,	10 00	
" " " No. 1,	26 77	
" " " " 2,	31 72	
" " " " 3,	5 00	
" " " " 4,	11 00	
" " " " 5,	12 37	
J. M. Wright, steward,	17 75	
E. Jackson, steward,	19 13	
Shepley & Wallace,	1 40	
H. A. Hatch,	1 50	
Vt. & Mass. R. R. Co.,	21 75	
Gas Co., for Hook & Ladder Company,	2 40	
" " " Engine House, No. 3,	2 40	
Due Firemen, for 11 months,	1888 79	
Engineers, " " "	99 45	
Gas Co., for No. 2,	40	
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 5,	8 96	
	<hr/>	2296 91
Total Expenses Fire Department,		<hr/> 2615 31

RAILINGS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Paid Thomas Larkin, Forest Street,	45 40	
" " Winter Street,	6 50	
" " for material,	17 52	
Silas Pratt, Westminster Road,	104 82	
George E. Waite, Princeton Road,	27 89	
William Murnane, Water Street,	24 32	
J. L. Bailey, West Street,	11 39	
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SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE POOR.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment,		
March 31st, 1860,	11967 34	
Expenses of same during the year,	2552 05	
<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/>	14519 39

Brought over,

\$14519 39

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Receipts and sundries sold,	814 09	
Appraised value of property, March 31, 1861,	12255 29	
	<hr/>	13069 38
Total expenses of Pauper Establishment,		1450 01

In the above item of \$1450 01, is included the depreciation of property, thus: During the year there has been expended \$650 79 for repairs and alterations, while the increase in the appraised valuation of the property is but \$287 95, leaving a nett depreciation of \$362 84. Subtract this from \$1450 01, and we have \$1087 17 as the nett expenses at Alms House aside from repairs. For detailed account of expenses and receipts, see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid C. W. Cutter, for J. D. Boynton,	1 50
City of Boston, for E. Hartwell,	10 42
G. A. Willard, for Seneca Gale,	5 00
Patrick Nugent, for Ellen McCarty,	5 97
J. P. Sabin, for sundries,	33 19
J. K. Gibson, for Alx. McMann,	4 50
Andrew Worcester, for S. Ballou,	12 75
Barney McGrath, for A. Kempton,	34 25
Lunatic Hospital, for F. Doherty,	74 40
Blood & Brown, for sundries,	6 00
J. Baldwin, 2d, for Alx. McMann,	31 98
F. R. Billings, for Mrs. McGennis,	3 38
S. D. Willis, for sundries,	14 38
Cyrus Thurston, for sundries,	95 68
James Barney, for J. Fenton,	17 00
Alonzo Andrews, for wood,	4 50
Austin Hayward, for wood,	10 62
J. P. Sabin, for paid witness fees,	2 07
J. P. Sabin, for horse and wagon,	6 35
Mr. Mansfield, for Mrs. Feeley,	5 56
Waldo Wallace, for Mrs. Larkin,	8 00
Peter Washburn, for supplies,	20 00
L. Gibson, for wood,	20 56
Town of Mendon, for P. S. Craig,	27 20
E. Hosmer, for A. Withington,	6 10
D. Whittemore, Jr., for wood,	10 38

Carried over,

471 74

1450 01

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$471 74	\$1450 01
Paid	David Daniels, for G. W. Deputrin,	10 00	
	Cyrus Thurston, R. R. fare, &c.,	18 73	
	J. H. Fairbanks, for C. A. Whitney,	8 38	
	A. Hitchcock, for Conklin,	7 00	
	J. R. Wellman, for Mrs. A. Fisk,	12 00	
	J. D. Stone, for Aug. Wiley,	3 00	
	W. H. Lowe, for A. Withington,	2 92	
	J. L. Joslin, for Luther Parker,	2 88	
	J. R. Wellman, for sundries,	1 75	
	William Kimball, for sundries,	3 86	
	Blood & Brown, for Cephas Wood,	1 50	
	John Andrews, for Alx. McMann,	7 50	
	Charles Ide, for sundries,	9 31	
	Estate of C. Hayward, for sundries,	4 75	
	C. D. Hayward, for sundries,	2 00	
	Joseph Baldwin, 2d, for sundries,	19 90	
	Waldo Wallace, for P. Sullivan,	3 00	
	S. M. Dole, for Wm. Rider,	6 25	
	E. N. Choate, for Cephas Wood,	9 00	
	J. Whittemore, for W. B. Harris,	10 00	
	L. Sprague & Co., for sundries,	19 40	
	E. C. Hayden, for sundries,	20 00	
	H. A. Hatch, for sundries,	5 00	
	J. L. Tenney, for sundries,	5 83	
	E. Hartwell, for G. W. Deputrin,	6 00	
	J. F. Monroe, for Cephas Wood,	6 00	
	Amos Durant,	5 40	
	Carlos Childs, for Susan M. Lowe,	52 00	
	Joseph Smith, for Jos. Baldwin,	15 33	
	J. L. Piper, for C. A. Whitney,	11 43	
	T. C. Caldwell, for J. Whittemore,	3 22	
	Medical Attendance,	41 00	
Due	S. B. Thompson, for E. Wetherbee,	15 37	
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Rec'd from	Groton, for Larkin's family,	13 00
"	" " A. Whittington,	12 91
"	Holden, for Allen Fiske,	17 75
"	City of Salem,	4 95
"	Leominster, for C. Wood,	19 50
Due from	City of Boston,	20 31
"	Estate of Winsor Cooper,	95 50
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Carried over, 183 92 821 45 1450 01

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$183 92	821 45	1450 01
Due from City of Roxbury,	18 00		
“ Town of Lancaster,	53 08		
“ Worcester County,	10 00		
“ Town of Holden,	12 00		
	<hr/>	277 00	
Support of Poor outside of Almshouse,		<hr/>	544 45
Whole Expense support of paupers,			<hr/> 1994 46

NEW ROADS.

Paid Franklin Lyon, bank Wall, Forest Street,	45 20	
Thomas Larkin, Forest Street,	225 00	
Thomas Larkin, balance Winter Street,	40 75	
William Miles, Green Street,	20 00	
E. C. Hayden, Kimball Street,	38 50	
Silas Pratt, from Chestnut to School Sts.,	96 23	
“ “ from High to Mt. Globe Sts.,	228 78	
“ “ extension of School Street,	17 81	
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SIDE WALKS AND STREET CROSSINGS.

Paid F. A. & L. E. Osborn, brick, West Street,	57 60	
S. A. Wheeler & Co., “ “	90 02	
A. Wetherbee & Co., “ “	13 55	
Silas Pratt, “ “	27 01	
Sheldon & Works, for plank,	1 84	
S. A. Wheeler & Co., crossing at F'g. Hotel,	90 12	
A. Wetherbee & Co., repairs,	5 20	
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Received from Dickenson & Belding,	115 00	
“ “ A. S. Dole,	52 92	
“ “ Farwell heirs,	43 69	
	<hr/>	211 61
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LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid J. W. Allen & Co.,	29 00	
A. A. Beckwith,	19 40	
Litch & Sawtell,	1 25	
Joseph Pierce, care of lamps,	103 13	
E. E. Farrar, “ “	34 38	
R. M. Huntley, “ “ Blossom St.,	5 00	
Gas Company,	456 33	
	<hr/>	648 49

ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION & ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. P. Kimball, abatements, 1859,	\$10 92	
McIntire & Cushing, 1859,	1 80	
Abatement per order of Assessors,	152 22	
“ “ vote of the Town,	3 91	
A. P. Kimball, for discount, 1860,	1946 05	
A. P. Kimball, collection, 1860,	381 49	
Edwin Upton, services as Assessor,	132 50	
Abel F. Adams, “ “	135 00	
I. B. Woodward, “ “	150 50	
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SALARIES.

Paid Charles Mason, School Com., in April,	7 50	
Kendall Brooks, “ “	137 50	
Wm. P. Tilden, “ “	100 87	
Wm. G. Wyman, “ “	115 50	
J. T. Farwell, Town Clerk,	200 77	
Edwin Upton, on State valuation,	22 00	
“ “ on appraisal Town property,	9 00	
Abel F. Adams, on State valuation,	36 00	
“ “ on appraisal Town property,	9 00	
I. B. Woodward, on State valuation,	40 00	
“ “ on appraisal Town property,	9 00	
Wm. O. Brown, Selectman,	125 00	
John P. Sabin, “	125 00	
Wm. Kimball, “	100 00	
Ira Carleton, “	115 00	
Due D. H. Merriam, “		
Paid Cyrus Thurston, Overseer of the Poor,	122 00	
John P. Sabin, “ “	35 00	
Wm. Kimball, “ “	20 00	
Joseph Pierce, ringing bell,	45 00	
E. Torrey, Treasurer,	50 00	
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WATER TANKS AND FORCE PUMPS.

Appraised value, March 31, 1860,	100 00	
Sundry repairs during year,	40 49	
	<hr/>	140 49
Appraised value, March 31, 1861,		90 00
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Depreciation and Repairs,		50 49

DOGS.

Amount received for Licenses,	\$101 00	
Paid for sheep destroyed,	8 00	
Balance,	<u> </u>	93 00

TOWN LIBRARY.

Appraised value, March 31, 1860,	2500 00	
Paid to order of Trustees,	922 00	
Insurance and Fixtures,	83 10	
	<u> </u>	3505 10
Appraised value, March 31, 1861,		2900 00
		<u> </u>
Depreciation and wear,		605 10

For detailed account of the above expenditures see Trustee's report.

EXPENSES OF BURIALS.

Appraised value of hearses and house,		
March 31, 1860	190 00	
Expenditures, as follows :		
Paid S. D. Willis, to April 12th,	12 00	
Samuel Carter,	410 50	
	<u> </u>	422 50
		<u> </u>
		612 50
Appraised value of hearses and houses, March 31, 1861,		165 00
		<u> </u>
Whole expense of Burials,		447 50

LIQUOR AGENCIES.

Liquor and cash on hand, March 31, 1860,	1100 00	
Cash in hand of J. B. Arnold, " "	145 43	
Salaries of agents,	250 00	
	<u> </u>	1495 43

Contra.

Cash of J. B. Arnold,	92 67	
Cash allowed in settlement,	125 00	
Cash of James B. Lane,	300 00	
Cash in hands of J. B. Arnold, March 31, 1861,	128 52	
Liquors on hand, " " "	1100 00	
	<u> </u>	1746 19
		<u> </u>
Gain in Liquor Traffic,		250 76

WATERING STREETS.

Paid R. M. Huntley,	\$144	20	
C. W. Jaquith,	139	50	
S. F. Atherton, for water,	75	00	
Chas. B. Stoddard, repairs of cart,	12	20	
B. W. West, " "	5	25	
Chas. Fessenden, " "	8	00	
N. A. Tufts, " "	2	17	
Thomas Upton, use of cart,	13	50	
			399 82

SUNDRIES.

Paid Gardner P. Wood, damage on highway,	15	00	
Geo. Raymond, for surveying,	71	69	
Tyler Younglove, sealers weights,	32	00	
Parkhurst & Aldrich, repairs on Library R.	18	44	
Chas. Johnson, binding,	4	50	
Daniel Lowe, stone bounds,	6	75	
Charles Derby, distributing envelopes,	1	50	
Samuel Hawes, labor in cemetery,	4	17	
Dickenson & Belding, land damages & costs,	473	27	
D. H. Merriam, sundries,	21	76	
First Parish, repairs of bell,	3	23	
Ira Carlton, case of Dickenson & Belding,	6	06	
Samuel Carter, work in cemetery,	38	00	
Recording Deed, R. Waters,		55	
D. H. Merriam, Ins. High School Building,	122	00	
A. Thurston, for same,	121	00	
A. Thurston, Ins. W. F. G. School Building,	31	00	
Sheldon & Works, road stakes,		70	
A. P. Kimball, case of Dickenson & Belding,	4	93	
S. A. Wheeler & Co., 73 stone bounds,	14	60	
R. R. Safford, services as constable,	3	00	
A. Hitchcock, consultation Board of Health,	2	00	
T. R. Boutelle, " " " "	3	00	
Joseph Pierce, repairs of bell,	3	00	
Joseph Pierce, services as constable,	2	00	
C. W. Jaquith, horse hire for School Com.,	30	50	
" " " " " Selectmen,	26	75	
" " " " " Overseers of P.	10	75	
" " for damages,	27	38	
W. G. Wyman, horse hire for School Com.,	3	75	
E. B. Rockwood, painting sign,		62	
Albert Tainter, services as constable,	2	00	
Carried over,	1105	90	

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$1105 90
Paid	J. W. Allen & Co., fixtures in Library room,	16 42
	Fred. Tolman, posting bills,	1 00
	Fitch. M.F.I.Co., renewing Ins. on School H's,	28 88
	Martin Newton, distributing envelopes,	1 50
	Isaac Hartwell, work in Cemetery,	4 50
	Peck & Cushing, horse hire,	7 50
	S. M. & E. B. Dole, horse hire,	2 00
	C. W. Jaquith, horse hire,	7 00
	Lucius Aldrich, constable services,	2 00
	Charles Johnson,	75
	S.W.Browning, expenses in liquor prosecutions,	10 00
	" " agent " "	76 70
	I. B. Woodward, postage,	15
	Thomas Oakman, painting guide board,	1 00
	Simeon Shattuck, repairs aqueduct,	5 00
	Wood & Bailey, legal services,	79 50
	Geo. Jewett, vaccination of poor,	5 00
	E. B. Hayward, constable,	2 00
	Francis Buttrick, "	5 00
	O. J. Munroe, damage to water pipe,	2 00
	Wm. G. Wyman, horse hire,	32 00
	Gas in armories,	30 80
	Printing,	137 50
	Books & Stationery,	63 59
	Interest on debt,	2447 87
	Depreciation on old town house,	200 00
		<hr/> 4275 56

RECAPITULATION—INCOME AND EXPENSES.

INCOME.

Raised by tax, as follows :

For Miscellaneous Expenses,	21000 00
Repairs Highways and Bridges,	4500 00
Schools,	7450 00
State and County Tax,	4238 07
Overlayings in assessment,	1019 23
School Books,	3 79

Miscellaneous receipts and income as follows :

Rec'd from Johnson, license to sell pop corn,	10 00
for licenses of circuses,	80 00
for dividends on gas stock,	9 00
for " R. R. "	12 00
from N. S. Boutelle, for grass in cemetery,	35 00

<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/> 38357 09
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<i>Carried over,</i>	\$38357 09
Rec'd for old plank sold,	8 00
from first parish, repairs of bell,	1 50
for rent of old town house,	10 00
for license of auctioneer,	2 00
for old brass sold,	2 96
Due from A. Wetherbee & Co., rent old town house,	15 00
gain in town hall account,	242 78
gain in liquor traffic,	250 76
licenses for dogs,	93 00
Total Receipts and Income for year,	<u>38983 09</u>

EXPENSES.

Repairs and Depreciation School Houses,	860 62
Expenses Fire Department,	2615 31
New Roads,	712 27
Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	5663 95
Side Walks and Crossings,	73 73
Railings for Highways,	237 84
Lighting Streets,	648 49
Support and Assistance of Poor,	1994 46
Assessment and collection of Taxes,	2914 39
Salaries,	1424 14
Water tank and force pump,	50 49
State and county tax,	4238 07
Schools,	7450 00
Town library,	605 10
Expenses of burials,	447 50
Watering streets,	399 82
Sundries,	4275 56
Total of expenses,	<u>34611 74</u>
Excess of receipts over expenses,	<u>4371 35</u>

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To amount balance in treasury at last annual settlement,	333 19
" of overseers, for grass sold on town farm,	11 76
" of Townsend, for support of paupers,	54 50
" of Leominster, " "	30 25
" of Groton, " "	25 91
" of Holden, " "	17 75
" of Dracut, " "	7 00
" of " " "	14 00
<i>Carried over,</i>	<u>494 36</u>

<i>Brought over,</i>			\$494 36
To amount of Salem, for support of paupers,			98 21
" of Selectmen, for old brass sold,			2 96
" " " for grass sold in new Cemetery,			35 00
" " " for rent of Town House,			837 78
" " " for rent of old Town House,			25 00
" " " for rent of Ivers McIntire,			4 00
" " " of E. F. Bailey, for 1-2 of road,			38 50
" " " of J. B. Arnold, Liquor Agent,			92 67
" " " of J. B. Lane, " "			300 00
" " " for license to sell Pop Corn in Town Hall,			10 00
" " " for license of Auctioneer,			2 00
" " " for license of Circuses, &c.,			80 00
" " " from Dickenson & Belding,			115 00
" " " for old plank sold,			8 00
" " " of L. Patch, for 1-2 bank wall,			19 74
" " " of Farwell heirs, for 1-2 side walk,			43 69
" " " of A. S. Dole, " " "			52 92
" " Town Clerk, for licenses of Dogs,			101 00
" " Commonwealth, for School Fund,			259 74
" " " for rent of Armories,			200 00
" " " for Militia Bounty,			948 80
" " Co. of Worcester, for rent of Court Rooms,			300 00
" " First Parish, 1-2 repairs of Bell,			1 50
" " Dividends, F. & W. R. R.,			12 00
" " " Fitchburg Gas Co.,			9 00
" " borrowed of A. J. Stone,			4000 00
" " " of Fitchburg Savings Bank,			21500 00
" " A. P. Kimball, Collector 1860, in full of his Bill,			34885 52
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			64477 39

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By amount paid for Interest on cash borrowed of Chas. Sawtell,			43 87
do. of Mrs. Billings,			120 00
do. of Mrs. Perkins, 2 years,			120 00
do. of Mrs. Cutting,			250 00
do. of Miss Richardson,			50 00
do. of Mrs. Towne,			72 00
do. of Fitchburg Savings Bank,			1665 00
By amount paid to Charles Sawtell, in part of his note,			200 00
" " " Savings Bank, for cash borrowed,			12500 00
" " " Fire Department,			2152 00
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Carried over, 17172 87

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$17172 87
By amount paid for recording Deed for Waters,	55
“ “ for Military Bounty,	948 80
“ “ for State Tax,	912 50
“ “ for 97 orders of Overseers of Poor,	2925 46
“ “ for 457 orders of Selectmen,	41525 01
“ “ Treasurer, for his services the past year,	50 00
“ Balance in Treasusy,	942 20
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NOTES DUE FROM THE TOWN.

To Mary F. Towne,	1200 00
Charles Sawtell,	600 00
Sybil Richardson,	1000 00
O. R. Cutting,	5000 00
S. W. Billings,	2000 00
R. A. Perkins,	1000 09
A. J. Stone,	4000 00
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	38500 00
For Interest on the above,	730 00
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	54030 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 31, 1861.

ASSETS,

Property per Appraisal, as follows :

Town House and Lot,	20000 00
Furniture in do.,	724 50
Old Town House and Lot,	2500 00
Pauper Establishment, (125 acres,)	7500 00
Personal Property at do.,	2190 29
50 acres Woodland,	1600 00
House, Barn, and 30 acres Land,	950 00
Personal Property at do.,	15 00
33 acres Sprout Land,	900 00
Town Library and Fixtures,	2900 00
West Street School House,	3000 00
Furniture in do.,	48 00
Academy Street School House,	1500 00
Furniture in do.,	23 90
South Street School House,	5400 00
Furniture in do.,	80 95
Day Street School House,	5200 00
Furniture in do.,	86 44
East Street School House,	2000 00
<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/>
	56619 08

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$56619 08
Town Property continued:	
Furniture in East Street School House,	39 70
District No. 2 School House,	400 00
Furniture in do.,	11 74
District No. 3 School House,	1500 00
Furniture in do.,	26 10
District No. 4 School House,	450 00
Furniture in do.,	10 42
District No. 5 School House,	275 00
Furniture in do.,	12 58
District No. 6 School House,	350 00
Furniture in do.,	5 25
District No. 7 School House,	600 00
Furniture in do.,	11 63
District No. 8 School House,	1250 00
Furniture in do.,	21 11
District No. 9 School House,	300 00
Furniture in do.,	7 15
District No. 10 School House,	400 00
Furniture in do.,	5 05
District No. 11 School House,	2200 00
Furniture in do.,	39 45
District No. 12 School House,	500 00
Furniture in do.,	11 15
New High School House,	12800 00
Furniture in do.,	156 08
New Grammar School House,	3200 00
Furniture in do.,	85 67
Old School House,	50 00
Engine House No. 1,	500 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1147 08
Engine House No. 2,	500 00
Engines and Fixtures,	1138 83
Engine House No. 3,	600 00
Engines and Fixtures,	1524 50
Engine House No. 4,	550 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1322 13
Engine House No. 5,	600 00
Engine and Fxtures,	904 00
Old Engine No. 4,	75 00
Hook and Ladder Apparatus,	445 00
Hose Carriage and Hose,	615 00
Old do. do.	75 00
Furniture in Hook and Ladder Room,	30 25
Hearses and House for do.,	165 00
<i>Carried over,</i>	
	<hr/> 91528 95

Brought over,

Town Property concluded:	\$91528 95
Steam Fire Alarm Whistle,	100 00
Water Tank and Force Pump,	90 00
43 Street Lamps,	900 00
Interest in Town Clock,	100 00
Highway Tools,	18 00
Liquors in hands of Agents,	1100 00
	<hr/> 93836 95
Two shares F. & W. R. R. Stock.	170 00
Cash in hands of J. B. Arnold,	128 52
Three Shares Gas Stock,	90 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	942 20
Debts Receivable, as follows:	
Due from E. Paige,	80 49
John H. Wheeler,	50 00
Estate of Winsor Cooper,	347 50
Town of Holden,	12 00
Town of Lancaster,	53 08
City of Boston,	20 31
City of Roxbury,	18 00
A. Wetherbee & Co.,	15 00
Carter & Derby,	13 33
Commonwealth,	70 00
Worcester County,	212 44
Samuel Farwell, 2d,	114 74
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	<hr/> 96174 56

DEBTS PAYABLE.

Due Fairbanks & Allen,	66 67
Fitchburg Hotel Company,	100 00
Firemen and Engineers,	1988 24
Joseph Pierce,	45 00
Levi Stevens,	7 25
L. B. Thompson,	15 37
Gas Company,	278 31
Lucius Aldrich,	8 96
J. B. Arnold,	41 67
J. B. Lane,	106 25
High and Grammar Schools,	91 18
School District No. 9,	5 41
School District No. 11,	9 26
Outstanding Orders,	1446 52
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<i>Carried over,</i>	4210 09

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$4210 09	
Notes payable and interest (see page 20)	54030 00	
Total liabilities,	<hr/>	58240 09
Total assets brought over,		96174 56
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Excess of assets over liabilities, March 31, 1861,		37934 47
Excess do. do. do., March 31, 1860,		33563 12
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Gain of Town during year,		4371 35
Liabilities of Town, March 31, 1860, as per report		
of last year,	46302 01	
Sundry bills of last year not reported,	231 46	
Total liabilities, March 31, 1860,	<hr/>	46533 47
Total liabilities, March 31, 1861,		58240 09
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Increase of debt during the year,		11706 62
Assets, March 31, 1860, as per report,	79696 59	
Assets not reported last year,	400 00	
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Total assets last year,	80096 59	
Assets, as above, March 31, 1861,	96174 56	
Increase of assets during the year,	<hr/>	16077 97
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Nett gain as before,		4371 35

It should be borne in mind that although the town has nominally a surplus, as here shown, of assets over liabilities amounting to \$37,934 47, the debt being \$58,240 09, while the property owned by the town is appraised at \$96,174 56—and although the surplus has been increased during the year, as shown above, by a nett gain of \$4,371 35, that is, while we have increased the debt \$11,706 62 we have at the same time swelled the assets \$16,077 97—still but a very small portion of these assets is in any sense available for the payment of our debt, which has now reached the very respectable sum of \$58,240 09. We commend these figures to the careful attention of our tax payers, suggesting that whenever a vote is to be taken involving an expenditure of money, this book should be held in the left hand, open at this page.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. SPRAGUE,	} <i>Auditing</i>
E. F. BAILEY,	
G. E. TOWNE,	

Committee.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31,		
1860,		11967 34
Expenses at Almshouse during year:		
Paid for necessary supplies,	494 96	
Oxen,	121 00	
Blacksmithing,	62 49	
Hardware and Farming Tools,	31 64	
Manure,	18 60	
Pasturing Cattle,	52 43	
Sleigh,	5 00	
Wagon,	20 00	
Repairs of Harnesses,	6 27	
Fitchburg Sentinel,	1 50	
Sheep,	1 75	
Ladders,	5 30	
Coopering,	40	
Use of Cider Mill,	2 50	
Hogs,	53 00	
Lumber for repairs of House, in part,	134 23	
Freight on Shingles,	9 19	
Labor on Highways,	72 01	
Labor on Farm and in House,	257 75	
Dress Making,	50	
Conveyance of Paupers to Monson, &c.,	17 00	
Services, Samuel Farwell, 2d, & Son,	450 00	
Medical Attendance,	5 00	
Coal,	37 87	
Insurance,	22 00	
Painting Wagon,	5 00	
Labor on Taylor Place,	10 87	
Truss for John Dole,	3 00	
Repairs of Almshouse,	650 79	
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		14519 39

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Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31, 1861,	12255 29
Receipts and sundries sold during year :	
For labor on Highways,	84 42
" of McIntire & Cushing,	122 76
" County of Worcester,	54 61
" John Prichard,	5 00
Pasturing cattle, &c.,	7 05
Ox sled sold,	6 00
Heifers and yearlings sold,	62 50
Oxen " "	130 00
Horse keeping,	3 00
Wood sold,	2 50
Milk " "	17 60
Veal, &c., " "	8 12
Grain " "	26 69
Cider " "	19 31
Hay " "	26 83
Freight paid on shingles,	9 19
Of Wm. Bemis on note,	20 00
Cyrus Thurston on settlement,	3 33
I. B. Woodward for trunk and contents,	8 00
Thomas Lesure,	5 00
Due from sundry persons,	88 20
" county of Worcester,	17 44
" Estate of Winsor Cooper,	60 00
" S. Farwell, 2d, over p'd on Highway work,	26 54
	<hr/> 814 09
	<hr/> 13069 38

Total expenditure at Almshouse, past year,	2552 05
" receipts " " "	814 09
	<hr/> 1737 96
Amount paid for repairs of house, &c.,	650 79
	<hr/> 1087 17

Whole number of weeks board of paupers,	676
" " supported and relieved	
including transient paupers,	200
Average number at Almshouse, during year,	13
Present " " "	13
Expense per week,	\$1 61

Support and assistance of poor outside of
pauper establishment:

Total amount paid,	821 45	
Received and due for same,	277 00	
Total expense for support outside Almshouse,	<hr/>	544 45
Total expense for support at Almshouse,		1087 17
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Whole expense for support of paupers,		1631 62

For detailed statement for support and assistance of Poor outside of Almshouse, see Auditor's Report.

CYRUS THURSTON,	} <i>Overseers</i>
JOHN P. SABIN,	
WILLIAM KIMBALL,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The whole number of Books in our Library one year since, was 3731; there had been lost during the four months in which it had been open, three volumes. There have been added during the last year, by purchase and donation 729 volumes, making the whole number at this time 4460.

The following donations have been made, viz:

From Hon. Eli Thayer,	5 volumes.
“ G. Howard,	11 “
“ Judson S. Brown,	11 “
“ J. B. Proctor,	1 “
“ Charles Mason,	3 “
“ Hon. Charles Sumner,	2 “
“ L. Simonds,	1 “
“ B. Safford,	2 “
“ Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	3 “
“ Department of the Interior,	17 “
“ J. W. Mansur, (N. Y. Post, 1806,)	1 “
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Purchased,	672—729
Added to the number last year,	3731
Makes the present number,	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 4460

During the year there have been delivered 29045 books to 1938 takers. Charged and not returned, supposed to be obtainable, ten volumes; missing, probably lost, thirteen volumes.

Balance on hand April 9, 1860,	22 73
Town appropriation,	922 00
Received in fines,	25 28
“ for catalogues sold,	21 71
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Total,	991 72

Payments made, viz :

Salary of Librarian, Feb. 15, to April 1, 1861,	321 88
For extra help in arranging Books,	14 40
Binding and Repairing Books,	57 17
Printing Numbers for Shelves,	5 25
“ 1000 Supplementary Catalogues,	50 00
“ Posters and Regulations,	10 35
“ Cards and Bonds,	4 50
additional Book Shelves,	20 00
Record Book and Stationery,	2 75
Brackets,	1 50
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	487 80

Thus it is seen that the expenses of maintaining the Library, that is, of administering and keeping it in repair, amount to \$487,80 for the year, leaving for its increase the sum of

	503 92	
	<hr/>	991 72
J. W. Mansur, R. R. fare three times to Boston, and four days expenses,	14 17	
T. R. Boutelle, R. R. fare once to Boston, and one days expenses,	3 50	
	<hr/>	17 67
Paid for 672 Volumes, 472 62. Covering Paper, 8 30.	480 92	
for Express fees,	4 01	
	<hr/>	502 60
Balance on hand,	1 32	
	<hr/>	503 92

A small sum is yet due for fines.

In the third annual report of the Trustees of the New Bedford Public Library, which consisted at that time of “about eight thousand volumes,” it is stated as an encouraging fact, that at the time of “a recent examination of the Library, but *sixty volumes* were missing from the shelves.” “The number of books taken from the Library during the year was *twenty-one thousand and forty-one*.”—The facts in regard to our own Library are certainly more encouraging. With *twenty-nine thousand and forty-five books* taken, our number missing is not one-third so many as theirs.

The problem whether a Library could be made free to the public, and kept without very essential loss, it would seem, is now

solved. A loss of thirteen books in a circulation of 29,045, cannot be considered very alarming. Even this loss, we trust, will be less in future years.

Our confidence in the wisdom of the principles upon which this institution is founded is undiminished.

The Public Library has now become an institution of the town. The small pecuniary outlay, contemplated by the legislature, is necessary to sustain it in a condition creditable to the town of Fitchburg. The board of trustees hope that sum will be cheerfully raised, believing that no appropriation to the same amount will conduce more to the general welfare of the town.

T. R. BOUTELLE, *Chairman of Trustees.*

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